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NEW FOREST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT.

on

Vital Statistics and Sanitary Condition

of the

NEW FOREST RURAL DISTRICT

for the YEAR 1941.

Submitted to the Rural District Council

by

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NEW FOREST RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Medical Officer's Report,  
for 1941.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report on the Sanitary Condition of the New Forest Rural District for the year ending December 31st, 1941.

As suggested by the Ministry of Health, Circular 2067, it is again an interim report, and only deals with essential and urgent matters.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in Acres)	94,957
Estimate of resident population	40,420
Estimated number of inhabited houses (end of 1941)	11,517
Rateable Value	£245,585
Sum represented by a penny rate	£989.1.8 $\frac{1}{4}$

Extract from Vital Statistics of the Year.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		
Legitimate	672	363	345	Birth rate per 1,000 of the	
Illegitimate	36	22	14	estimated resident population	17.51
<u>Still Births</u>	20	14	6	Rate per 1,000 total (live and	
				still) births	27.47
<u>Deaths</u>	421	224	197	Death rate per 1,000 of the	
				estimated resident population	10.41

Birth rate for England and Wales 14.2

Death rate for England and Wales 12.9

Deaths from Puerperal causes.

Puerperal sepsis	0
Other puerperal diseases	3
Total.....	<u>3</u>

Death rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births 4.12  
Death rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 live births	42.37
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	44.64
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	27.77

Deaths from Cancer	(all ages)	68
Deaths from Measles		0
Deaths from Whooping Cough		2
Deaths from Diarrhoea	(under 2 years of age)	1

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES  
FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

G. Habgood, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Medical Officer of  
Health (Part-time).

Sanitary Inspectors.

W.B. Prior, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Acting Senior Sanitary Inspector.

W.F. Weller, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Temporary Additional Sanitary  
Inspector.

E.H.J. Clarke, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., Temporary Additional Sanitary  
Inspector (appointed May 1941) Employed full time on Salvage and  
House Refuse Collection.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Ante-natal clinics have been provided by the County Council  
at Totton and Lyndhurst.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centres at:-

Brockenhurst	Marchwood
Copythorne	Totton
East Boldre	Hythe
Fawley	Lyndhurst

Consultation only at these centres. They are supported by  
voluntary contributions, with help from the County Council.

Day Nurseries	)	These services are under the control of the County Council.
School Clinics	)	
Orthopaedic	)	
Artificial Light	)	

Tuberculosis Dispensaries - Totton; 77, Rumbridge Street, Totton,  
provided by the County Council.

Venereal Clinic - Outside the District in Southampton, provided by  
the County Council.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.

16 samples were taken during the year, 8 were found to be fit,  
and 8 unfit.

In two instances the premises were connected to the main water  
supply. In four cases satisfactory alternative supplies were available.  
One well was closed



Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Summary of Inspections made.

Nature of inspection	Number made.
Infectious Diseases.	320
Nuisances.	719
Water Supply.	51
Housing.	103
Verminous Premises.	13
Slaughterhouses.	141
Retail Meat and Food Shops.	620
Meat at Cottage Premises.	51
Fishmongers and Poulterers.	126
Milk and Dairies.	230
Factories.	43
Milk Samples.	2
Moveable Dwellings.	59
Refuse Collection and Disposal.	154
Schools.	15
Rats and Mice.	20
Public Conveniences.	8
Drainage.	22
Ice-cream Premises.	8
Miscellaneous.	182
Total.....	<u>2,887</u>

FACTORIES.

Inspections.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted.
Factories with Mechanical Power	32	2	Nil
Factories without mechanical power	11	0	Nil
Total.....	43	2	Nil

Defects found.

Particulars.	Number of defects			Defects entailing prosecution
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness	1	1	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature.	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation.	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Convenience:-				
Insufficient	2	2	-	-
Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-
Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-
Total.....	4	4	-	-

MILK:     DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

No of Registered Cowkeepers.....	312
No of Retailers who are not producers in the district.....	16
No of "Tuberculin Tested" Producers.....	11
No of "Accredited" Producers.....	24

Inspections made.				
No.	Defects found		Remedied	Defects Outstanding.
	from 1940	1941		
230	3	32	35	0

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No. of inspections to Slaughterhouses, Butchers' Shops, etc:	812
No. of Animals inspected.	901

THE UNDERMENTIONED MEAT AND FOOD WAS CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR  
HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

BOVINES.

336 lbs. Beef.....Bone Taint.  
215 lbs. Beef.....Decomposition.  
126 lbs Beef.....Severe & extensive  
bruising.  
1 Heart and lungs.....Tuberculosis.  
1 Heart and lungs.....Abscesses.  
1 Head and tongue.....Decomposition.  
8 lbs. Liver.....Decomposition.

SHEEP.

3 Carcases and organs.....Dropsy.  
1 Carcase.....Decomposition.  
34 lbs. Lamb.....Decomposition.  
5½ lbs. Liver.....Distomatosis.

PIGS.

2 Heads and tongues.....Tuberculosis.  
1 Pluck and intestines.....Tuberculosis.  
1 Liver.....Cirrhosis.  
20 lbs. Pork.....Injury.

MISCELLANEOUS.

30 doz. eggs.....Decomposition.  
40 lbs. apples.....Decomposition.  
156 lbs onions.....Decomposition.  
112 lbs. cooking fat.....Decomposition.  
97 lbs. bacon.....Decomposition.  
14 lbs. corned beef.....Decomposition.  
186 lbs flour, 70 lbs sugar, 6 lbs. biscuits, 30 packets of  
cccoa, 47 packets of custard powder, 43 packets egg powder,  
6 packets blanc mange powder, 78 packets of soup powder, 15  
packets of coffee, 50 cwts. fruit residue, 22 cwts coconut:  
----- all damaged through enemy action.

SALVAGE.

The following salvage was collected and disposed of by the Council and  
Voluntary organisations.

Articles.	Tons	cwts	lbs	£.	s.	d.
Clean paper.....	51	10	81	277	9	5
Other paper.....	118	13	69	323	3	5
Loose flattened tins.....	69	3	56	64	7	7
Scrap iron.....	43	14	0	62	5	4
Brass.....		5	6	6	19	8
Copper.....		4	70	6	1	4
Zinc.....			13		1	1
Aluminium.....		4	14	9	1	9
Lead.....	1	13	104	24	5	5
Duralumin.....		1	29	1	5	1
Mixed metals.....		14	75	10	4	1
Rags.....	9	4	57	85	5	8
Bones.....	12	1	9	32	7	3
Jars & Bottles.....		2,424½	dozen	39	0	5
Pig Swill.....	25	1	56	25	1	0
Miscellaneous.....			74	2	9	6
Total.....	332	13	45	£969	8	0



THE PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS  
AND OTHER DISEASES.

During the year under revision, measles and whooping cough became epidemic; 872 cases of measles and 135 cases of whooping cough were notified.

DIPHTHERIA. 2 cases only notified. One, a child just over a year old, the other a girl of 18. Neither had been immunized, both recovered.

SCARLET FEVER. 52 cases have been notified, all recovered.

PARA-TYPHOID B. 3 cases notified.

CEREBRO-SPINAL-FEVER. 5 cases, 1 death.

ACUTE POLIO-MYELITIS. 4 cases, no deaths.

ENCEPHALITIS LETHARGICA. 1 case.

PNEUMONIA. 30 cases, 9 deaths.

Artificial Immunization against Diphtheria.

Up to the middle of this year the immunizing of children had been carried out by general practitioners in their own surgeries, with very poor response. Since, clinics have been held at schools and Infant Welfare Centres, the response has been much better.

A total of 1,868 children have been immunized during the year.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year 1941.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to hospital.	Total Deaths.
Para-typhoid B.	3	3	-
Scarlet Fever.	52	33	-
Diphtheria.	2	2	-
Erysipelas.	5	0	-
Pneumonia.	30	0	9
Puerperal Pyrexia.	3	0	-
Cerebro-Spinal-Fever.	5	5	1
Acute-polio-myelitis.	4	4	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	0	-
Measles.	872	0	-
Whooping Cough.	135	0	2
Total.....	1,112	47	12

Emergency Hospital Accommodation.

Langley House, Totton - Infectious Diseases..... 21 beds.

Setley House, Brockenhurst - Minor Infectious diseases..... 24 beds.

"Bench View", Lyndhurst - Sick Bay. Sleeping accommodation for 40 children.....

Considerable use has been made of all premises.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and Mortality  
during 1941.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
5	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	-
15	6	3	-	1	2	1	-	-
25	9	6	1	1	3	2	-	-
35	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
45	2	3	-	-	2	-	-	-
55	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
65 & upwards	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Total.....	25	14	2	4	11	3	3	1

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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Medical Officer of Health.